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percent is needed. I certainly have confidence in Senator Burbach who knows more about taxation than probably most of us will learn. He supported the concept of the amendment that was offered. I trust his judgement. I think this is something we have to do. Again, it's not popular. I guess it was popular when we made revenue projections ourselves on what was available and what was going to happen, and when we could come to this body and lower the tax. Now I guess the shoe is reversed. I have confidence in what has been done here. I have confidence in the leadership that's been displayed here by the Revenue Committee. I believe they've analyzed it very carefully. They've looked at it long and hard. Senator Carsten tried to explain that to you. I thought he did a very adequate job of it. I think the debate is over now. Senator Warner doesn't choose to support it because it didn't have his 12 percent amendment. That's what makes this body great. He's got a red light. I'd ask you to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, I have several comments. Senator Frank Lewis said that he has confidence in the Revenue Committee. This is not the bill the Revenue Committee brought forth for us. I have confidence in the Revenue Committee also. He's making it sound like this is the Revenue Committee's bill. This is the Revenue Committee's amended bill. It's now the Frank Lewis bill, with his amendment on it. It does make a whale of a lot of difference. I think perhaps I would have voted for 589 in its original form. I also made a mistake. I did not vote for the 12 percent. I'm not going to make the mistake to advance this right now until we've had at least 24 hours to think about it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body. I too would have supported 589 as it came out of the Revenue Committee. I think that we have a different bill completely. I just believe that after we passed 123 in good faith this bill is going to follow in the form that it came out of the Revenue Committee. Now for some reason we're going to change that format. Since I do have faith in the Revenue Committee and this is no longer their bill, I will not vote to move it across.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten, are you ready to close debate on this matter?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I fully realize that we sitting here as members have to make decisions as we see fit to do it. I fully appreciate Senator Warner's position, as I appreciate every individual's position. I think that we have to analyze the presentations that have been given to us, and then use our own judgement. I'm not sure that any one of us can say this or that set figures is correct or incorrect. It's the best that we have available to us for us to use. We have tried with all